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Examiner Biagini,

Thank you for returning my call. I don't have specific claim amendments to propose at this time. One area of the claims I think may be worth discussing though are the limitations directed to:

initiating the second synchronization session from the first synchronization device in accordance with said role information, wherein . . . or a server initialization message to initiate the second synchronization session with a synchronization client is transmitted from the first synchronization device in response to synchronization server being defined in the role information as the role of the first synchronization device. (from claim 1)

While the Office action suggests that this is an alternative limitation (page 4), the claim states that if the 1st synchronization device's role is defined as a synchronization server, the second session is initiated with a server initialization message. Thus, the transmitted initialization message depends upon the role defined in the first synchronization session. We submit that neither Hillyard nor the cited SyncML protocol teaches initiating a second sync session by transmitting a server initialization message.

Along those lines we could discuss the difference between a server initialization message (described at Section 4.2 of the SyncML protocol) and the Sync Alert described in Section 8 of the SyncML protocol.

If you have time to review this today, I am available at 4:30 (or later) to talk. Thank you for your time.

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